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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 2, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please rewrite the paragraph starting on page 9, line 5 as follows:

Pl Referring first to Fig. 1, although a specimen rack conveying part 20, a specimen introducing part 1, an electrolyte analyzing part 2, an analyzing part 3 and an analyzing part 4, a reexamining buffer 5 and a specimen storage part 6 are shown, being separated from each other for the sake of brevity of explanation, no gaps are inherently